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Title of Invention: ) Examiner: Drodge, Joseph W.  
*Method and Apparatus for* )  
*Processing Blood and* )  
*Blood Components* )  
Customer No. 24994 )

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Sir,

In response to the Office Action of September 22, 2003, please amend the above entitled application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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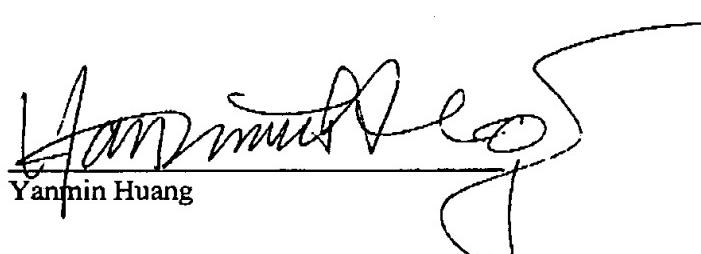
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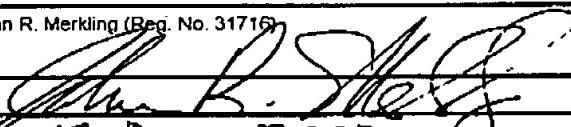
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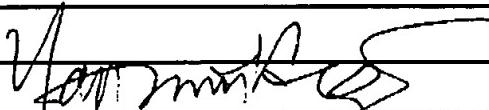
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